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Governor Focused on Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

State prepared to assist weather-savaged states

Topeka – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback said today his priority for the remainder of the 2011 Legislative Session is to work with lawmakers to pass legislation that balances the budget, addresses KPERS and creates a pro-growth business environment.

"We have more than 100,000 unemployed Kansans looking for work. It is our responsibility as state leaders to make sure businesses have the tools to invest and create jobs," Governor Brownback said. "Our economy is slowly beginning to turn around but we need to remain focused on returning fiscal responsibility to our state. I look forward to working with Legislators on these priorities in the coming days."

Governor Brownback announced more details of his Governor's Economic Summits:

- Flint Hills
 May 17th, Elmdale, KS
 To register, call 785.296.2281
- Animal Health
 June 9th, Manhattan, KS
 To register, call 785.296.1460

- KU Medical Center/Life Sciences May 24th, Kansas City, KS To register, call 785.296.2214
- Military Intellectual Complex June 15th, Leavenworth, KS To register, call 785.776.8829

Details for summits focused on the Service Sector, Animal Agriculture and Energy will be released soon.

Brownback also addressed the state's readiness to assist states recently devastated by severe weather.

"The devastation Alabama and other states have experienced is just unbelievable, and our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims and the many people impacted by this horrific storm," Brownback said. "Kansas has a history of helping our colleagues in disasters. And while we haven't received any requests at this time, Kansas stands ready to help whenever and wherever our resources are needed."

The Governor said the state is monitoring the **Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests** for assistance needed in the days and weeks ahead to see what Kansas can provide.